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SUBJECT: US RESPONSE TO SOVIET PAPER ON EURATOM-IAEA
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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PAPER S/AS DEPUTY FARLEY WILL GIVE
TO SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR BESSMERTNYKH ON MARCH 15, IN
RESPONSE TO SOVIET PAPER TRANSMITTED REFTEL. ACTION
ADDRESSEES (BONN, USIAEA, COPENHAGEN FOR PRESIDENCY, USEC)

ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE TEXT OF SOVIET PAPER AND US RESPONSE TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS, AND INFO ADDRESSEES MAY DO SO IF ISSUE OF SOVIET APPROACHES TO EURATOM MEMBERS IS RAISED BY RESPECTIVE HOSTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE FOLLOWING IS IN RESPONSE TO THE TEXT PROVIDED BY THE SOVIET EMBASSY ON MARCH 3, AND THE QUESTION RAISED AT THAT TIME.

AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY INFORMED SOVIET AUTHORITIES IN PERIODIC DISCUSSIONS OF NUCLEAR MATTERS, ON WHICH THE US AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE LARGELY IN ACCORD, THE US STRONGLY

SUPPORTS THE EFFECTIVE, INDEPENDENT APPLICATION OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS. WITH REGARD TO THE STATUS OF PREPARATION OF SUBSIDIARY ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN EURATOM AND THE IAEA, WE HAVE URGED BOTH PARTIES TO COMPLETE THE ARRANGEMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND TO ASSURE THAT THE IAEA CAN PERFORM ITS BASIC FUNCTIONS. NOWHERE DO WE FIND GROUNDS TO SUPPORT THE SOVIET ASSERTION THAT THE FRG OR OTHER EURATOM MEMBERS ARE IN "ACTIVE OPPOSITION" TO IAEA SAFEGUARDS: ON THE CONTRARY EURATOM MEMBERS ARE AGREED ON THE NECESSITY OF APPLYING IAEA SAFEGUARDS. THE US SUPPORTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS, AND RECOGNIZES EURATOM CONCERN THAT IAEA INTERACTION WITH THE COMMUNITY'S SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM SHOULD NOT NEGATIVELY IMPACT ON THAT SYSTEM. CONFIDENTIAL

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FINALLY, THE TECHNICAL QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLEX AND PROSPECTS FOR SPECIFIC SAFEGUARDS MEASURES HAVE EVOLVED OVER TIME, CONTRIBUTING SOMEWHAT TO THE UNFORTUNATE DELAY, BUT WE BELIEVE MOST OF THE IMMEDIATE TECHNICAL QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE SITUATION CLOSELY AND TO URGE SPEEDY COMPLETION OF EFFECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

MARCH 15, 1978. END TEXT. VANCE

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